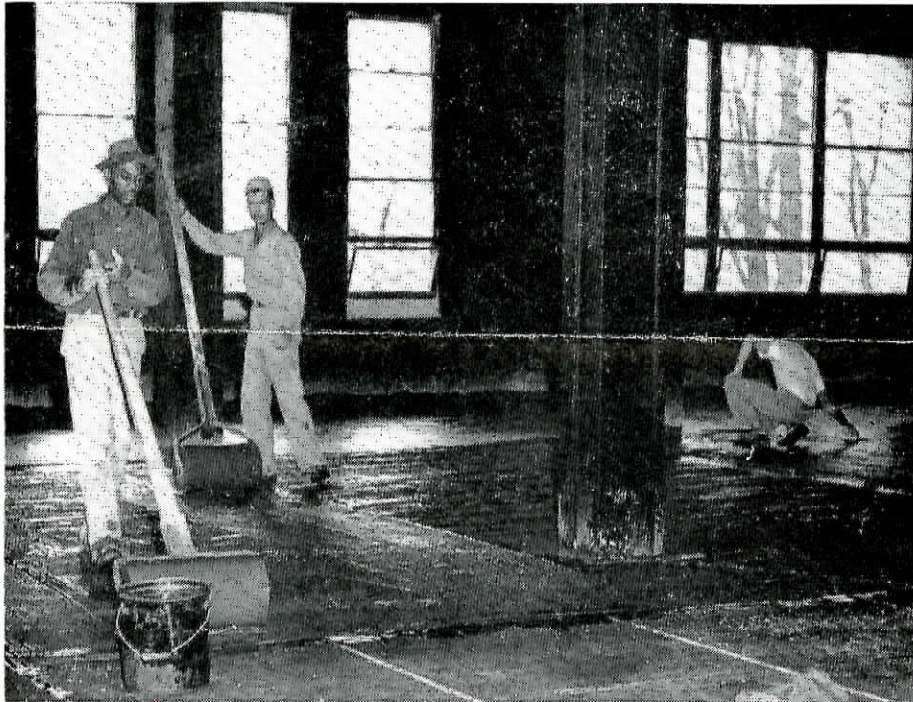


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The terrazzo floor goes down in the library area.

Terrazzo Poured In Library And Lobby Areas

Last month saw another large stride in the progress being made towards the completion of the new library, main lobby, and business office areas in the administration building on Bryan Hill. The Wallace Tile Company of Chattanooga has completed the pouring of the floors, and grinding and finishing are now in progress. Plasterers have also moved in and will promptly be followed by the electricians and the ceiling crews.

Workers took advantage of the spring vacation period to clear out the business office partitions and to lay the new floor in that area. In the meantime, the business center of operations has been situated in one of the smaller rooms. The glass and aluminum doors for the library, lobby, and lounge are in Atlanta awaiting shipment at the most favorable time for installation.

Bids are being sought for library equipment in hope that funds will be available and purchases can be made in time to put the library into

use during the current year, thereby alleviating the crowded situation in the present library area and enabling many students to have the advantages of better study conditions.

GOSPEL MESSENGERS TRAVEL EAST, SOUTH, AND NORTH

Two groups of Gospel Messengers will leave Dayton shortly after the conclusion of the school year.

The ladies' trio and James Reese, baritone and trombone soloist, with Barbara Ridder as accompanist, will begin their travels with a short jump over into western South Carolina. From there they will move on up through Virginia into western New York and Pennsylvania, then on across the state of Ohio, into Indiana and on up to conclude their travels with a number of stops in Michigan. Membership in the trio includes the Misses Lois Ringler, Johnstown, Pa., first soprano; Norma Jenkins, New Castle, Pa., second soprano; and Pearl Rathbun, Glen Ellyn, Ill., alto. Miss Ridder is from Lansing, Ill.;

RIABIKOFF PLAYS

On March 29 it was the pleasure of the Bryan students and staff to hear the brilliant piano playing of George Riabikoff, well known pianist of Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Mr. Riabikoff's playing, in the light of past history, is hardly short of the miraculous. During the world war he was most active in assisting refugee Jews to escape the Nazis, but was finally, himself, caught and brutally tortured because he would not divulge the hiding place of his friends. As a result, the Nazis determined he would never again play the piano, drove nails through his hands, crushed his fingers, and broke both wrists. Only through months and months of special exercising and practice has Mr. Riabikoff been able to overcome this harsh treatment. His concert showed only the complete mastery of the keyboard as he played to the delighted audience Moussorgsky's *Pictures At An Exhibition*, Chopin's *Nocturne In C Sharp Minor*, Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12*, and other greatly loved numbers.

WE APOLOGIZE

The letter of the month for last month's issue was from Jean Pulkin, graduate of '49.

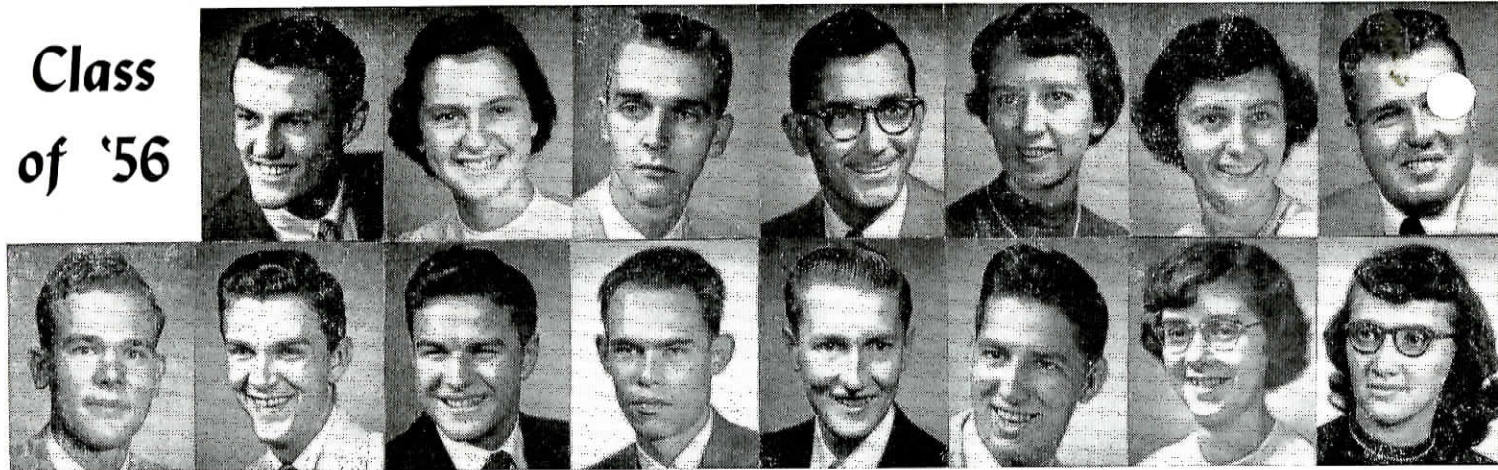
James Reese, from Williamston, Mich.

The male quartet group, together with Don Weltmer, Altoona, Pa., trumpet soloist, and Lyle Hillegas, Neenah, Wis., accompanist, will start their trip through Georgia, into Alabama and western Florida, through Louisiana and Mississippi into Texas, then on up through Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and on into Wisconsin. The quartet is composed of Mark Davis, Red Jacket, W. Va., first tenor; Howard Park, Mobile, Ala., second tenor; Kenneth Campbell, Ajax, Ontario, baritone; and Wilbur Pickering, Sao Alto, Brazil, bass.

Churches, conferences, or summer camps desiring the ministry of either

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Class of '56



Left to right, top row: Lyle Hillegas, Adrienne Kerr, Norbert Kier, John Kramer, Georgie Ledbetter, Joy Leslie, Sonja Rasmussen, Pearl Rathbun. Bottom row: James Reese, Charles Russell, Lawrence Schatz, Herbert Sierk, Theodore Donald Weltmer, Charles Willoughby, Delores Yockey, Robert Young, Carl Benedum.

MEET THE SENIORS

(This group concludes the review of the Class of 1956. Abbreviations used are as follows: C.S.A.—Christian Service Association; F.M.F.—Foreign Missions Fellowship; M.B.C.—Miracle Book Club.)

Lyle Hillegas: Social committee, C.S.A., M.B.C., Pastor's Fellowship, Gospel Messengers, choir assistant pianist, **Commoner** staff, art club—these are some of Lyle's interests. Coming from Neenah, Wis., he has majored in English.

Adrienne Kerr: Hammond, Ind., is her home. Sports, C.S.A., F.M.F., Child Evangelism, Student Council, **Commoner** staff—these have been Adrienne's fields of interest. Her major field of study has been history.

Norbert Kier: "Norby" has chosen English as his major field of study. Outside he has been active in Spanish Club, F.M.F., Art Club, C.S.A., Child Evangelism, and working on the **Commoner** staff. Marshfield, Wis., is his home.

John Kramer: Assistant book-keeper for the University, John has yet found time for other interests, such as C.S.A., Pastor's Fellowship, and the **Commoner**. He has been a student pastor and has also been mayor of his present home—Trailer-ville. His major? History and New Testament Greek.

Georgie Ledbetter: Georgie has majored in Christian Education, at the same time holding membership in the Art Club, Child Evangelism Fellowship, F.M.F., and the Forensic Society. She came to Bryan from Liverpool, W. Va.

Joy Ann Leslie: Joy has majored in biology, serving as a lab assistant in the department. From Massillon, Ohio, she has also been interested in sports, M.B.C., the Spanish Club, and Science Club.

Charles Marvin: Entered Bryan from the Baptist Bible Seminary. His major is history. C.S.A., sports, and choir have been other interests on Bryan Hill. His home is in Gary, Ind.

Alice McLeod: Alice is a history major from Hayward, Wis. She has been busy with her work in the C.S.A., Child Evangelism, F.M.F., Art Club, and M.B.C. Sports have taken part of her time, too, as has the responsibility of being Dormitory Prayer Chairman.

Arthur McManus: As a resident of Trailerville, Art hails from Dayton, Tenn. Along with a major in Bible, he has been on the track team and has held membership in the C.S.A. and French Club.

Stuart Meissner: From Mt. Prospect, Ill., "Stu" finished in December, having been active in the choir, cross country, track, Gospel Messengers, sports, and the duties of class treasurer. His major was in music—voice.

Anita Myers: Add student council membership, Art Club, social committee, M.B.C., C.S.A., the **Commoner**, and sports together, and you have Anita's interests at Bryan, or part of them. An English major, she came to Bryan from Mount Joy, Pa.

Ramon Palmer: Backus, Minn., his home; history his major. Ramon has found time for serving in jail work, song leading, F.M.F., and the intramural sports program. He is now a

married student and lives in Trailer-ville.

Wilbur Pickering: Son of missionary parents, Wilbur claims Bolivia as home. His activities have been numerous, including C.S.A., choir, sports, forensics, Pastor's Fellowship, Science Club, Spanish Club, track, Gospel Messengers, and the **Commoner**.

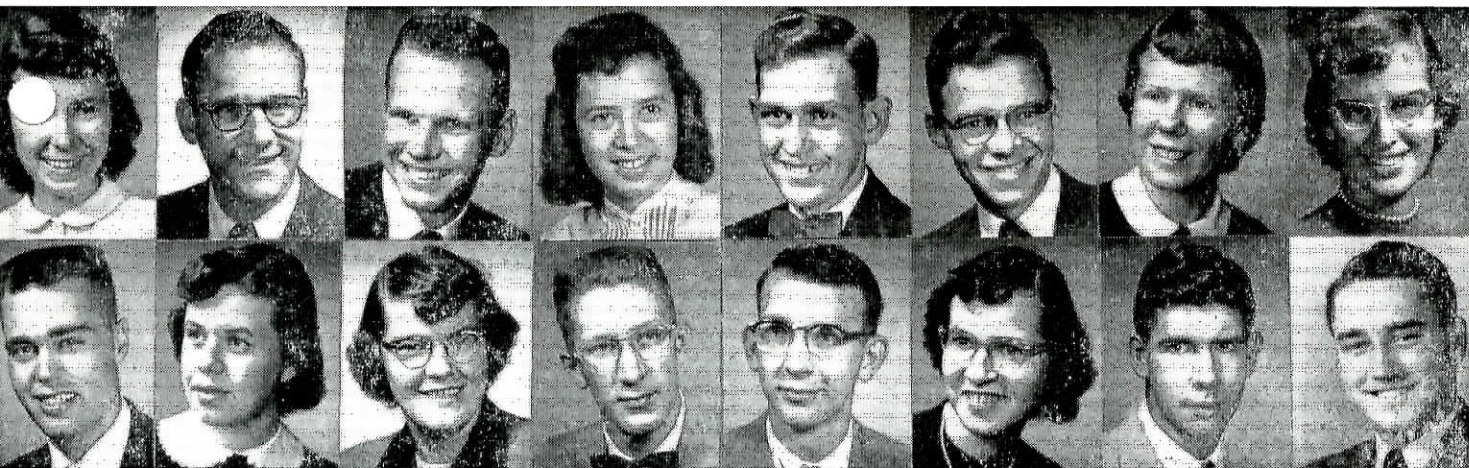
Sonja Rasmussen: Having graduated from Philadelphia Bible Institute, "Sandy" headed Bryanward and has continued her education with an English major, with outside interests including Science Club, F.M.F., C.S.A., and sports. Her home? West Belmar, N.J.

Pearl Rathbun: Pearl has majored in Spanish, sung in the choir and the Gospel Messengers, and worked in the F.M.F., Spanish Club, **Commoner** staff, and sports. She is from Glen Ellyn, Ill. She has served as piano or organ accompanist for many occasions.

James Reese: His trombone and his baritone voice have kept Jim busy at Bryan and in the local Baptist Church. Other interests—C.S.A., F.M.F., cross country, Gospel Messengers, and sports. His major field has been English, and he came to Bryan from Williamston, Mich.

Charles Russell: Charles entered Bryan from Grand Rapids, Mich., and began working on a history major. In addition to having been treasurer for the 1955 **Commoner** he is now class treasurer. Sports have occupied much of his spare time.

Lawrence Schatz: Johnstown, Pa.,



Charles Marvin, Alice McLeod, Arthur McManus, Stuart Meissner, Anita Myers, Ramon Palmer, Wilbur Pickering, Theodore Smetters, Charles Smith, Mariam Speer, Marilyn Steinberger, Duane Taylor, Nancy Thomas, Charlene Watkins.

is his home; history, his major. "Bud" has had time for C.S.A., Pastor's Fellowship, editing the 1955 **Commoner**, and being a student pastor. He has also been active in the field of sports and in the Student Council.

Herbert Sierk: Originally from Fort Worth, Texas, but now from Trailerville on Bryan Hill, "Herb" is majoring in Bible. He has been lab assistant in the botany department. His family life and work have kept him busy and his studies have kept him on the Dean's List.

Theodore Smetters: They call him "Ted" and think of him in connection with Pastor's Fellowship, Child Evangelism, and street meeting work. His home is in Chicago, and his major field of study has been history.

Charles Smith: Transferring from Memphis State College, "Chuck" is a history major who has found time for C.S.A., Pastor's Fellowship, forensics, Science Club, and work on the **Commoner**. His home is in Semerville, Tenn.

Mariam Speer: Conneaut, Ohio, her home, Christian Education, her major. Spanish Club, Science Club, the dorm council, C.S.A., Child Evangelism work—all of these have kept Mariam with plenty to do.

Marilyn Steinberger: In addition to her interest in piano, Marilyn has found time for sports, Science Club, forensics, C.S.A., Child Evangelism, and F.M.F. Her major is Bible. Marilyn is a Pennsylvanian from Everett.

Duane Taylor: A history major from Glendale, Ariz., Duane has had four years as an open air worker in

the C.S.A. He has also been a member of the Pastor's Fellowship and a dorm counselor.

Nancy Thomas: C.S.A., F.M.F., Child Evangelism, M.B.C., the **Commoner**, and participation in intramural sports—all of these have been a part of Nancy's life on Bryan Hill. She is an English major from Covington, Virginia.

Charlene Watkins: Charlene has Sparta, Mich., as her home. She is a Christian Education major who found time in addition to classes for child evangelism classes, M.B.C., Spanish Club, and forensic activities.

Donald Weltmer: Though Don's ability with a trumpet might have led to a music major, English is his chosen field of study. Gospel Messengers (director for the summer of 1955), Camera Club **Commoner** and sports are included in his activities. He comes from Altoona, Pa.

Charles Willoughby: A graduate of Moody Bible Institute, "Spud" is majoring in Christian Education. Student Council, Regional Vice-Chairman of the Southeastern F.M.F. and class presidency have kept him busy. His home? Trailerville, Dayton, Tenn.

Delores Yockey: Coming from Worthington, Pa., and majoring in Christian Education, "Dee" has been interested in the C.S.A. and F.M.F. She was a member of the 1955 **Commoner** staff.

Robert Young: Port Huron, Mich., is his home; Bible is his major. Sports and C.S.A. have occupied his out-of-class time. Bob is also a graduate of the Philadelphia Bible Institute.

Carl Benedum: From Jane Lew, W. Va., Carl came to Bryan, went into the service, married a Bryanite, and is now back seeking a history major. Sports, choir, Child Evangelism, and forensic activities have given him plenty to do on Bryan Hill.

FROM MY HEART TO YOU

A Supreme Court decision has focused national attention on racial integration. Undoubtedly many of our friends have wondered how this will affect Bryan University.

Perhaps this is a time when, in discussing this subject, I should remind the readers that I am writing this column as President Emeritus, rather than officially as the president of the University. To me the problem of racial integration affords another opportunity for us to manifest a Christ-like spirit, keeping our main objectives before us as a definitely Christian liberal arts college, seeking to accomplish these objectives and to avoid anything that threatens to put us on a side track.

Bryan University was established at Dayton, Tennessee, "as a testimony to the supreme glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the Divine inspiration and infallibility of the Bible." The constitution of the State of Tennessee is so specific in requiring racial segregation that any interpretation of it by the courts would be redundant. The Supreme Court decision pertained to tax-supported schools, so Bryan University is still subject to the laws and customs of

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of these groups should write to the University at once. Though the line of travel is not definitely fixed, the routes given will be followed in general. Insofar as possible requests will be filled.

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Tennessee. I don't know what the future holds, but I firmly believe that we should continue our God-given ministry and trust Him for the future and the final outcome.

Having attended schools with Negroes in Kansas and Colorado, and then having lived in the South for nearly thirty years, I know something of both sides of the race question. I am certain that racial integration is not going to be accomplished easily and quickly. This was the position taken by Theodore Roosevelt forty years ago, his reasons being so apropos that I am including a quotation recently brought to my attention in a bulletin of the "Committee For Constitutional Government, Inc."

"In 1916, after ex-President Roosevelt had refused to accept the nomination of the Progressive Party, groups of Progressives called upon him to plead that he keep the Progressive Party alive so that, free from the antagonism of the Republican name, an opposition party could operate in the South, and help solve the Negro problem. He declined saying:

"The viewpoints that you have presented are based on theoretical reasoning; but I have had first-hand experience with the problem. First, I invited Booker T. Washington to dine with me at the White House, in order to do honor to the achievement of a great Negro. The result of the publicity was a demand of Negroes generally for immediate social equality and an outburst of mass emotion against them.

'Later, at Brownville, Texas, the privates in a Negro regiment stood against their officers to protect misdeeds of members of their race. After patient effort to have the problem solved, I had no other course than

to dismiss the regiment. Then, another outburst of mass feeling arose, and and white men took this as an occasion to push every Negro into the gutter.

"The Lord put the Negro into Africa and the white man on other continents, and I am not going to waste the remaining years of my life attempting to solve quickly a problem that only time, probably generations, can solve."

Much has been accomplished by and for the Negro Race in forty years, but I believe that Theodore Roosevelt's conclusion still holds good, especially since many believe today that inter-marriage is also involved in racial integration. Everyone of us would like to do something to clarify issues and forward the cause of Christ throughout the world, but as finite beings we are limited in what we can do. As Christians we should be much in prayer. As the Spirit of God works in the hearts of real Christians, white and black, the love of Christ will be manifested supernaturally to bring about understanding and good will.

We have a nation-wide constituency. Trustees, faculty members, students, donors, and prayer supporters have divergent views on the race question. We have students and graduates working with Negroes in this country. What happens here in the United States is a matter of concern to our graduates on the mission fields of the world, particularly in Africa. Our student enrollment, particularly from the southern states, is related to the outcome of the present effort to enforce the ruling of the Supreme Court.

On the race question, and every other problem that will ever face Bryan University, I am sure that the trustees of the University and everyone else associated in the Lord's work here want God's will done. I urge each of you to pray that we will keep God's main objectives for us ever at the forefront and all other more or less related questions in proper perspective and relation.

Sincerely yours,
Judson A. Rudd
President Emeritus

Bryan and Temple Take Two Each

The traditional annual basketball games between Bryan University and Tennessee Temple Schools of Chattanooga saw the Bryanites take two in an upset over the once-defeated men of Temple to a score of 56-50 and over the Temple girls by a score of 32-31.

In the men's game Bryan led at the end of each quarter, but there was more than one time during the game when the score was separated by only one point. Smith and Dow for Bryan and Gaddy and Gates for Temple were high point scorers.

In the girl's game, another that showed the keen rivalry between the two schools, the Bryan ladies trailed by one point at the end of the first and of the second quarters, but rallied to lead by one point for each of the other quarters. Barnes, who sank eight out of ten foul attempts, led the field with 16 points for Bryan. For Temple, Prince, with 15, and Martin, with 14 points each were high scorers.

In Chattanooga the story reversed itself, as the Temple men, led by Gates with a total of 26 points, saw their thirteen point lead late in the game dwindle to a single goal, with the game ending 71-69 in favor of Temple. Smith was again leading point maker for Bryan, with a total of 22 points.

For the girls, Temple found the road somewhat smoother to travel than they had in the Dayton game. Despite the close guarding of Elve and Oberman, Temple's Martin and Heidrick chalked up 14 and 10 points respectively to enable the Chattanoogaans to finish with a 29-19 victory.

FEBRUARY GIFT INCOME

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